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In re Application of: Cechan (nmi) Tian et al.  
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Examiner: Mark Hellner  
Title: CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN  
OPTICAL AMPLIFIER

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.